



# West University Neighborhood Association

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## **WUNA NEWSLETTER – December, 2006**

**Next Board Meeting - Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, 6:30 PM**

**Postal History Museum, 920 N. First Avenue**

*All West University Neighborhood residents are invited*

## **President's Section**

### **By Brian McCarthy**

The end of the year is approaching with some interesting things to be considered by our association. First, by the time you read this, we will have signed a contract to work with the Arizona Leadership Conference and the Up With People group on some neighborhood improvement project on February 17, 2007 (see article below). We need volunteers for our part of the task and ideas for work to be done. We are getting a good start on signing up people for committees, but there is still space available. Joe Wasiak has his hands full with the problems of students gathering and littering on 2nd Avenue, but we may see some help from various official groups that are meeting. We are awaiting answers. The Fifth Avenue Lofts venture appears to be on hold; perhaps we will hear more about them soon. I received a notice about a new liquor license application for an Italian restaurant in the 900 block of East University Blvd. It is a restaurant license, not a bar, so it should not create too many drunken students and may be a good place to eat. I guess that is about all I have of interest, so I'll sign off with Season's Greetings.

## **Nominating Committee**

### **By Carolyn Niethammer**

The Nominating Committee has put together a slate of enthusiastic and committed WUNA members who have agreed to serve as officers for next year. We will vote at the WUNA Annual Meeting in January. If anyone else wishes to run for these offices, please

contact me. We will also accept nominations from the floor.

Also, here are the various committees for the neighborhood. Please sign up at the Annual Meeting in January if you would like to join one.

### ***Crime Prevention:***

Dave Knudson - Chair  
Chris and Mary Nichols  
Dave Croteau willing to assist/advise

### ***Events:***

Carolyn Niethammer, Chair,  
Cheri Weins

*Home Tour subcommittee:*

Bob and Cathy Morrison, chairs

*CRCC:*

John Patterson

*Parks/Openspace/Community Improvements*

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Jerry Juliani

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Gal Witmer

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Lori Boston

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**Project for the County Proposal**

**By Vivian Harte**

The votes from the October newsletter were tallied, and park improvements had the greatest number of votes. A consensus at the November, 2006 Board meeting confirmed that we will apply for park improvements in the County grant proposal. At that meeting, a committee was formed to seek additional grant money from other sources for the other projects.

**West University Neighborhood Beautification and Clean-Up Day with Arizona  
Collegiate Leadership Conference Volunteers**

**By Kaytee Quarengi**

The Clean-up Day is scheduled for February 17, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a 1-hour lunch break. We need you to get involved a few hours now through February! We need people to organize tools, map projects and the neighborhood, assist with donation of gloves and plants, label tools, and contact neighborhood resources to get paint, plants and tools.

We need you to show up and make this day a success for the beautification of our neighborhood! We also need neighbors to be area representatives in your section of alley or street to assist unfamiliar people.

This is an excellent opportunity to have about 100 volunteers from the Arizona Collegiate Leadership Conference and other local community groups come into the WUNA area and assist neighbors in pruning, weeding, cleaning up and beautifying the sidewalks, alleyways and other creative ways. You as neighbors get to determine the assignments. We want to hear from elderly and disabled people as well as homeowners with special needs to let us know of your individual needs for yard work, gardening, and small house/outdoor repairs. Contact [WUNA@theriver.com](mailto:WUNA@theriver.com) or [aclc@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aclc@email.arizona.edu) (subject: neighborhood service). Or call me at 626-1572.

So far, teams include Sidewalks, Alleyways, Hospitality, Command Post and Assignments, Common Areas (such as, traffic circles)—Planting, Gardens and Individual homes. We need additional team leaders for each area of the neighborhood. Josh Conzemius, Matt Williams and Barbara Macri are acting as Organizing Leader, Communications Leader and Pruning/Sidewalks Leader, respectively. Additional needs include walking the neighborhood to distribute flyers about the event, communicating with Ward VI about your needs, and helping find plant donations and locations. If you can lend tools or trashcans or purchase or donate yard bags, please let me know.

### **Christmas Caroling**

**By Carolyn Niethammer**

It's time to revive the WUNA Christmas caroling tradition. We will meet in front of The Postal History Museum at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20. We'll carol around the neighborhood for about an hour then finish with dessert at Carolyn and Ford's house at 604 E. First St. Please RSVP to let us know you are coming so we can plan to have plenty of goodies. If you'd like to bring cookies, let us know that. We'll need a couple of strong singers so the rest of us can warble along. Call 622-0252 or e-mail [cniethammer@peoplepc.com](mailto:cniethammer@peoplepc.com) to let us know how many in your family will be coming.

### **West University Historic Zone Advisory Board Back At It!**

**By Gal Witmer**

After about a year break, the West University Historic Zone Advisory Board has been re-established and is expected to begin taking cases again in December. The Board is composed of nine members, all residents of the neighborhood. Jim Bly (Chairperson), Noah Sensibar (Vice-Chairperson), Barbara Macri (Secretary), Colleen Graham, Lori Boston, Jim Phillips, David Knudson, Matt Williams and Jim Witmer are the members of the newly formed board. The group received training from City of Tucson staff Frank Podgorski and Marty McCune in November and is expected to begin hearing cases in December. Any changes to the exterior of homes, additions, or new construction in our National Historic Register Neighborhood require review by this local Advisory Board and the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission prior to drawings being submitted for a building permit. Much thanks to these members of our neighborhood for stepping forward!

### **Tour de Cure to Benefit the American Diabetes Association**

Join your neighbors on March 10, 2007 for the Tour de Cure presented by Rancho Sahuarita to benefit the American Diabetes Association. Help us get ahead of this disease by riding, sponsoring, fundraising or volunteering for the cause. Visit <http://www.diabetes.org/tour> or call 795-3711 x7112 for more information.



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### **Beware of Coyotes**

Our neighbor Dee Albanese recently saw three coyotes in the area of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. She reported that they were not afraid of her. Please keep your small pets inside especially at night and make sure that food and garbage are not available to them.

### **Schedule of Upcoming Meetings**

The date and location of our Annual Meeting is still being decided. Regular Board meetings in 2007 will be held on the following dates:

February 2, 2007

March 2, 2007

April 6, 2007

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Postal History Museum, 920 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Parking is located in the rear.